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1. Transmitted herewith are AECASSOWARY/28 reports on the following subjects:

- A. Organizational Structure of the ZCh/OUN in France
- B. List of Members of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy in France
- C. Ukrainian Christian Movement (The UKhR)
- D. Vasil MARKUS
- E. Bohdan FEDENKO
- F. Ivan POPOVICH
- G. Mikola FRIZ alias Sotnik VERNIHORA

2. At the Spring 1956 celebration in Paris of the thirtieth anniversary of Simon PETLYURA's death, AECASSOWARY/28 took photos of some of the proceedings. We are transmitting herewith 25 photos in which the following personalities have been identified:

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Attachments:

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a. BEREZYAK, Emil;
b. BEREZYAK, Georges;
c. BOIKIV, O.;
d. HLOBENKO, fmu;
e. KALITOVSKA, Marta;
f. KAPUSTYANSKII, General Mikola;
g. KOSIK, Volodimir;
h. KOVALENKO, Eng. Yurii;
i. KUBIIOVICH, Volodimir;
j. MELNYK, Colonel Andrii;
k. MIKHALCHUK, Vasil;
l. MOHILIVSKII, Captain (fmu);
m. MULIK, Volodimir;
n. PLEVAKO, Petro;
o. POLISHCHUK, Petro;
p. SHEVCHUK, fmu;
q. SOLONAR, fmu;
r. SOZONTIV, Simon;
s. STASIV, fmu;
t. TOPCHIBASHI, fmu;
u. UDOVICHENKO, General O.;
v. VAN DE MAELE, Father Maurice;
w. VISHNIVSKII, Father V.;
x. YANIV, Dr. Volodimir;
y. YATSKIV, Father Ivan;
z. ZABLOTSKII, Yuliyan;
aa. ZHUKOVSKII, Arkadi.

3. In May of this year, AECASSOWARY/28 was successful in gaining an additional delay, until December 1956, in his departure date for the U. S. under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Since he was on vacation in August when the visa section letter arrived instructing him to report for final processing, he did not show and his name was automatically stricken from the list.

AECASSOWARY/28 has always been told that he must make up his own mind as to whether and when he wants to emigrate and although [] has given him some guidance and assistance in his relations with the visa section, no doubt has been left in his mind but that he alone is completely responsible for his emigration problems. The situation is far from difficult however, since Subject could go to Frankfurt and apply under the German quota if he wishes to emigrate under the Refugee Relief Act. Subject's thoughts have recently turned to matrimony and since his Ukrain-

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ian girl friend is a French citizen, Subject, in the event of marriage, would be able to emigrate at any time under her French quota number and using his own priority as to time of application. We will discuss the entire question of Subject's future in a subsequent dispatch after he has had a personal interview with the visa section officials.

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Dated:

SUBJECT : Organisational Structure of the ZCh/OUN in France

SOURCE : AEGASSOWARY/26

DATE OF INFORMATION: 9 July 1956

1. Within the organisational scheme of the ZCh/OUN under Stepan BANDERA, France is considered one of the "teren". The leader of the French "teren" provod (TPF) is officially known as the "Korivnik Teren-ovoho Provedu Frantsi". The leader and the members of the TPF are selected by the chief provod of the ZCh/OUN in Germany. The seat of the "teren" provod for France is Paris. The head of the TPF, who is known simply as the organisational leader, is Mikala PRIZ alias Sotnik VERNI-HORA, who lives on the rue Feutrier (exact address yet unknown), Paris 18e.

2. It is his responsibility to manage the organizational nets of the ZCh/OUN which exist in France to see that ZCh/OUN members follow the party line, inform local provods of the decisions and resolutions of the chief provod of the ZCh/OUN and the TPF, oversee their activities (local French provods), to represent the ZCh/OUN in France amongst Ukrainian and foreign circles.

3. M. PRIZ is also organisational referent for the OURF (the Organization of Ukrainian Workers in France). Because of his two-hatted function, he is often required to travel throughout the French provinces. The OURF, as has been earlier reported, is an organization under the influence of the ZCh/OUN faction headed by S. BANDERA. It is not strange, therefore, that all the leading members of the French provod are also leading personalities of the OURF. The fact that there are almost daily meetings of the ranking members of the provod to discuss among themselves matters pertaining to the ZCh/OUN, eliminates formal convocations of the entire provod. As a result, there is no specific delegation of exact functions for individual members of the TPF as regards external political activity and contact with foreigners. In general, however, it can be said that PRIZ is assisted in those functions pertaining to internal Ukrainian life and to Ukrainian social activity by Yuliyan ZABLOTSKII. As regards external political activity, PRIZ is assisted by Ivan POPOVICH and on special occasions by Mikhailo SHTIKALO. In extraordinary situations, the aforementioned trio is supplemented by Boris VITOSHINSKII whose principal task is the editing of the weekly Ukrainets/Chas.

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Attn: B. to OFPA-
Dated:

SUBJECT : List of Members of Ukrainian Catholic Clergy in France
SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/28
DATE OF INFORMATION: 21 August 1956
REFERENCE : OFPA 19412, paragraph 12 A

1. Father Maurice (Mavrikii) VAN DE MAELE: Priest; monk with rank of Most Holy Joseph; Redemptionist. The general Vicar of the Apostolic Visatator (Arch Bishop Ivan BUCHKO). Address: 186, Bd. St. Germain, Paris, 6e.

2. Father Mihailo LEVENETS: Counsellor and Chancellor of the Apostolic Visatator. Address: 186, Bd. St. Germain, Paris, 6e.

3. Father Ivan YATSKIV: Does spiritual work in Paris area. Address: 79, rue des Morillons, Paris, 15e.

4. Father Icoif BACHINSKII: Counsellor of the Apostolic Visatator. Address: Chez M. Jean POPLAVSKI, Place d'Ecole, Gilbertville, Calvados.

5. Father Ivan BOIGHUK: Pastor of Rheims area. Address: 1, rue St. Maurice, Rheims (Marne).

6. Father Hrihorii BREZDEN: Deacon and counsellor of the Apostolic Visatator without specific parish; is ill and paralyzed. Address: Chateau de la Chesnaye, Loury (Loiret).

7. Father Dr. Mihailo VASIKIK: Deacon and counsellor of the Apostolic Visatator. Parish in the region of Lyon. Address: 68, rue Eugene Pons, Lyon (Rhône).

8. Father Hrihorii HARASIMOVICH: Instructor in the Mala Seminarya (Small seminary) at Loury. Address: Chateau de la Chesnaye, Loury (Loiret).

9. Father Bohdan KARICHEK: Pastor for Nimes area. Address: Camont St. Martin de Valgalgues (Gard).

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10. Father Pavlo KONUT: Pastor for Strasbourg area. Address: 6, rue de Bitsche, Strasbourg (Bas-Rhine).

11. Father Teodor KUDLA: Instructor in the Mala Seminaria at Loury. Address: Chateau de la Cheunaye, Loury (Loiret).

12. Father Ivan LUZHETSKII: Pastor for Metz area. Address: 25, rue de Chevre, Metz (Moselle).

13. Father Zinovii NAROCZNIAK: Counsellor of the Apostolic Vicariate and pastor for the Lille area. Address: 3, rue Pharon de Winter, Lille (Nord).

14. Father Vasil MRIIMA: Pastor for Toulouse area. Address: 42, Avenue E. Billières, Toulouse (Haute-Garonne).

15. Father Dr. Iosif SIDORIV: Pastor for Dijon area. Address: 43, rue Chabor-Charny, Dijon (Côte d'Or).

16. Father Ivan TETERKA: Ill; without any pastoral assignment;

17. Father Ivan TILYAVSKII: Instructor at the Mala Seminaria in Loury; Address: Chateau de la Cheunaye, Loury (Loiret).

18. Father Ivan TILYAVSKII: Assistant pastor in Lille area; Address: Pensionnat du Bon Conseil, 2, rue Crignon, Amiens (Somme).

19. Father Andrii SAPELYAK: Pastor in Orléan area; Address: Chateau de la Cheunaye, Loury (Loiret).

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Subordinate to the Ukrainian Catholic Mission in Paris is:

20. Father Jacques MCNILLIG (Spaniard); Address: Cartagna, 17 (Colonia del Retiro), Madrid, Spain.

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SUBJECT : Ukrainian Christian Movement (The UKhR -
Ukrainskii Khristiyanski Ruch)

SOURCE : AEGASSOWARY/28

DATE OF INFORMATION: 9 July 1956

1. The objective of the activation of a Christian circle within Ukrainian social and political life was first advanced during the time of "Studiinikh Dniv" by the Federation of Brotherhoods of Ukrainian Catholic Students (the FTUSK - Federatsya Tovaristv Ukrainskikh Studentiv Katolikiv) "obnova" which met in Rome from 13 - 17 December 1953. The general theme of the "Studiinikh Dniv", in which the members of the Ukrainian academic union "Obnova" also participated along with representatives of religious and lay representatives of general vicariates of Western Europe, was "svitskii apostolyat-zavdannya na chasi v ukrainskii diisnosti". The question of the Christian movement was brought up in a speech by Dr. Volodimir YANIV who spoke on "The Ukrainian Christian Milieux and our Political Life". In the discussion that followed his speech, it was decided that Obnova, which was a purely Catholic organization, provided too narrow a framework for the development of action which should also include orthodox individuals. The attending members voted then for a positive resolution calling for the establishment of a Ukrainian Christian Movement. Among the resolutions pertaining to the establishment of the Movement, it is stated "the participants in the Studiinikh Dniv consider it essential to encourage, within Ukrainian social life, the formulation of a Ukrainian Christian Movement on the basis of the cooperative action of Catholic and Orthodox Ukrainians with the aim of strengthening and coordinating the activities of Christian Ukrainians".

2. In the Ukrainian press, particularly in the Khristiyanski Holos, printed in Munich, YANIV published a series of articles in which he explained the ideas and aims of the Movement. YANIV also travelled to those countries where there are large groupings of Ukrainians - England, Germany, France and Belgium - where he lectured on the necessity for the establishment of a Christian Movement. In each of these countries, he established initiatory committees which are subject to a central initiatory committee. In those countries where there are smaller groupings of Ukrainians, like Italy and Spain, he did not create initiatory committees but merely selected responsible individuals. In Italy he selected Dr. V. FEDORONCHUK and in Spain, Dr. D. BUCHINSKII. Upon completion of the preparatory work, an initial congress of the Ukrainian Christian

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Movement was held in Louvain, Belgium on 30 - 31 May 1955. Seventeen leading initiatory organizational members attended as well as the representatives for initiatory committees of various countries and twenty-seven foreign guests. The statutes of the UKhR were confirmed and the members of the directing bureaus were selected. The publication of this UKhR is called the Informativniy Listok Zvyazku which appears regularly and is mimeographed. Its editor is Dr. V. YANIV. The publication, however, is an internal publication of UKhR whose aim is to coordinate and direct the work of the Movement in various countries. It is considered a purely internal thing and is limited to key members who are involved in the direction of the UKhR. It appears in approximately six hundred copies.

Members of the Directing Board of the Union of the Ukrainian Christian Movement for Belgium:

President: Dr. Volodimir POPOVICH
Vice President & Treas.: M. KOMUT
Secretary: Yaroslav PRISHLANK
Members of Directing Board: O. KOTSYUBA
A. CHETAK
Members Control Commission: Head - Dr. O. BOZHAK
O. KOVAL
R. HUSAK

The above were elected at the initial reunion of the Belgian unit of the UKhR on 11 January 1956.

The following is a list of responsible individuals selected in areas where Ukrainian groups are not large:

Italy: Dr. V. FEDOROVCHUK
Spain: Dr. D. BUCHINSKII
Holland: Omelian KUSHPETA
Austria*: Dr. V. CONRAD

* In Austria it is intended that a local union of the UKhR be organized in the near future.

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The Establishment of a Ukrainian Christian Movement in Germany

As a result of the development of the UKhR which is headed by V. YANIV, with his seat in Sarcelles, a chapter has been established in Germany. For almost a year now the organization has existed unofficially with the work directed by an initiatory committee - in reality two committees: one Catholic and one Orthodox.

As the directing committee:

President: Prof. H. MARTINETS
Members : M. TOMASHIVSKA
 C. BOBILYAK
Dr. M. ZAYATS
 M. BEREZYUK
 Ivana MIRCHUK
 D. PELENSKII

Control Commission
& Fraternal Court : I. KOTSUR
 Mme. E. HRAMYAK
 M. SHIPAILO
 R. BILANYUK
 V. VATSIK
 P. SAVITSKII
 I. KUZIV

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Rated:

SUBJECT : Bohdan MEDENKO
DATE OF INFORMATION: 5 September 1956
SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/28

1. Subject is the son of Panas MEDENKO, well-known Ukrainian socialist. During the Soviet occupation of the Ukraine following World War I, Subject's father immigrated to Prague where Subject was born. Subject now is about 30 years old. He completed his higher studies in law in 1949 in Germany then came to Paris. Entrusted with certain responsibilities from the Provid of the Ukrainian Socialist Party (Dovhal), he entered in contact with the central office of the Free Syndicalists in France. Concurrently he contacted the French syndicate, Force Ouvrière, where he organized a Ukrainian section of the Professional Union of the Force Ouvrière of which he became head. The address of this office is 182, Avenue du Maine, Paris, 14e. This particular section has, however, very few members and is made up in general of former Shapovalites, that is to say, members of the "Ukrainian Community in France" (Ukrainska Hromada U Frantsia) created by Mikola SHAPOVALOV in 1925 in Paris.

2. After the death of SHAPOVALOV in 1948, the Ukrainian Committee in France was headed by SHAPOVALOV's wife, Antonina. When Subject arrived in Paris he entered into contact with Mme. SHAPOVALOV who made it possible for him to meet active members of the Ukrainian Community both in Paris and in the provinces. Since Mme. SHAPOVALOV was ill and was unable to manage the organization, she hoped that Subject would assist her in directing the members of the Ukrainian Community. Subject, however, directed his efforts at attracting members of the Ukrainian Committee to his own organization in the Force Ouvrière.

3. When Mme. SHAPOVALOV died about 1953, the activities of the Hromada ceased, to all intents and purposes, but its most active members are now to be found in the Ukrainian section of the Force Ouvrière.

Subject circulates a monthly mimeographed paper called the Free Ukrainian Worker (Vilniui Ukrainski Rebitnik) which is the organ of the Ukrainian section of the professional union of the Force Ouvrière. In his capacity as head of the professional union (Ukrainian Section) of the Force Ouvrière, Subject often participates in various international

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meetings (Western Germany and Italy) where he represents the Free Ukrainian Socialist syndicalists.

4. He is also the Ukrainian representative to the Movement de la Jeunesse Libre (82, Avenue Marceau, Paris) and writes articles for that organization's journal.

5. Subject is not married but is living (in sin) with Mme. (fmu) KHMIL who assists him in his activities. Mme. KHMIL's husband immigrated to Australia several years ago.

6. Subject is inimical to all other parties, i.e., those which are not socialist, and evidences outright hatred to all nationalist groups; he does not lose an opportunity to attack the latter whenever possible. For example, when he attended a student congress in Paris in 1953, he interrupted a speech by a member of the Central Union of Ukrainian Students (Tsentralkii Sotsi Ukrainskoho Studentstva) asking the chairman of the congress not to permit those "fascists" to speak.

7. The Banderite group in Paris claims that almost immediately after his arrival in Paris, Subject began to write denunciatory reports accusing them of fascistic, totalitarian, and anti-democratic ideas. According to the Banderites, these denunciatory reports were written for the French Ministry of Interior and the Prefecture.

8. Fedenko has been the Subject of previous dispatches (see OFPA 23501) and AECASSOWARY/28 produced this report on request.

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Dated:

SUBJECT : Ivan POPOVICH

DATE OF INFORMATION: 17 September 1956

SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/28

1. Subject's office: 26, rue de Montholon, Paris, 9e. Telephone: TRU 91-03, extension 723. Home address: Saint Ouen. Exact street number unknown.

2. Subject is about 50 years old and was born in the Western Ukraine. Subject has French citizenship. He came to France prior to World War II and is supposed to have finished his studies in economics. He is married to a French woman and has two children: a girl who was married about 1950 and a son who now is about 8 years old.

3. During the last World War, he was supposed to have served in the French army. In 1945, Subject began to print a monthly paper called The Ukrainian in France (Ukrainets u Frantsii). At that time his collaborator was one SIRKO (actually a pseudonym and SIRKO is now believed to be in the United States).

4. When Yuliyan ZABLOTSKII and Boris VITOSHINSKII came to France in 1945, they entered into contact with Subject desiring to collaborate in the OURF (Union of Ukrainian Workers in France) which had been set up by Subject. Due to the lack of helpers and funds, Subject accepted their collaboration. Thanks to the assistance of the two above-mentioned individuals, in addition to that of SHTIKALO, The Ukrainian in France became a semi-monthly and then a weekly. The membership of the OURF also increased. In 1948 or 1949, when the mass exodus of Ukrainian immigrants in Germany began and the financial situation became critical, Roman ILNITSKII, who at that time was publishing Chas in Fuhrt, near Nuremberg, turned to POPOVICH. ILNITSKII proposed merging both papers and moving the editorial office to Paris. After considerable discussion, POPOVICH agreed to the proposition. From that time, The Ukrainian in France changed its name to the Ukrainian with the subtitle Chas. However, Subject maneuvered in such a way that neither ILNITSKII nor anyone else from the Chas remained on the staff of the merged paper. In the meanwhile, POPOVICH was constantly elected during OURF conferences as secretary of the OURF and remained director of the Ukrainets Chas.

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5. About 1949, Subject, with the concord of Yareslav PRISHOYAK, the head of the Union of Ukrainian Workers in France, created the confederation of Ukrainian Free Professional Organizations (the KUVPO) which consists of the OURF in France and the Spilka Ukrainskikh Robitnikiv in Belgium. At that time, Subject was elected head of the KUVPO and remains so to this day. Shortly thereafter, the KUVPO applied to the International Confederation of Christian Syndicalists for membership and was accepted. As head of KUVPO, POPOVICH contacted the heads of the Christian Syndicalists connected with the French Christian Syndicalist Movement, with its seat at rue Montholon. The French Syndicalist Movement unites the working groups of all central European countries. As a result of Subject's talks with the French Syndicalists, there was created an International Federation of Christian Worker Refugees and Immigres, which is abbreviated in French to TIFKRE. At that time, Subject was elected and remains to this day, General Secretary of the TIFKRE. Around the end of 1955, Subject went to England where he attempted to organize a Ukrainian Christian Syndicalist Movement. As representative of his organizations, POPOVICH participates in meetings and congresses of various international organizations.

6. As well as can be determined, Subject is not a member of the OUN/B. However, he does work very closely with the Teren Provid of the OUN/B in France. It should be noted that all the members of the provid of the OUN/B work either in the OURF or in the editing offices of the newspaper Ukrainets-Chas.

7. Because Subject is the only one of all these Ukrainians who speaks French really well, he participates in the external political work of the OUN. It is he who usually accompanies Mikola FRIZ alias Sotnik VERNIMORA, to discussions with foreign officials.

8. Subject's son-in-law, who is a young Frenchman of about 30 years (name not known) works somewhere in the Ministry of Justice in Paris. It can be assumed, therefore, that through his son-in-law, POPOVICH is in close contact with French officialdom, probably including the Prefecture and the DST.

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Dated:

SUBJECT : Mikola PRIZ (Subject generally known under his
UPA Pseudonym Setnik VERNIHORA)

DATE OF INFORMATION: 17 September 1956

SOURCE : AECASSOWARY/28

1. Subject's office address: 26, rue de Montholon, Paris, 9e.
Telephone: TRU 91-03, extension 723. Home Address: (?) rue Feutrier,
Paris, 18e.

2. Subject, who is about 38 or 40 years old, comes from the
Peremhal area where his wife is believed to still live. Before World
War II, he completed his studies at the theological faculty at Peremhsrl
but was not ordained. Toward the end of the war, he joined the UPA and
remained with it until 1947 or 1948. He was a member of one of the
UPA sections which fought the Polish military in the Curzon area. At
that time, Subject had no military grade since he was a political instruc-
tor. In about 1946, Subject was captured by a Polish military unit and
was later rescued by one of his own groups. When the UPA groups in the
Curzon area, were attacked by the combined military units of Poland, the
U.S.S.R. and Czechoslovakia, and when the UPA units in this area received
orders from the chief command of the UPA either to retreat into the
Ukrainian SSR or to cross Czechoslovakia to West Germany, Subject was
with the unit which was ordered to go west. Subject was assigned twelve
men with whom he crossed Czechoslovakia in 1947 or 1948 and was interned
in the American zone of Germany for a short while. For some time later
he remained in Germany making occasional trips to France. After 1949 or
1950, Subject moved permanently to Paris.

3. Shortly thereafter, the chief provid of the OUN/B elected him
as the organizational leader of the OUN in France. In addition to this
post, he is also the organizational referent for the CURF. As the organ-
isational leader of the OUN in France, he is charged with internal Ukrainian
and external political activities. In his internal Ukrainian activi-
ties, he is assisted by Mikhail SHTIKALO, (fmu) MELNIKOVICH, Yuliyan
ZABLOTSKII and Volodimir KOSIK. In the external political activities, he
is assisted by Yuliyan ZABLOVSKII, Mikhail SHTIKALO, and Ivan POPOVICH.

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